

MP Lobbying Instructions

1. Enter your postcode at www.writetothem.com or www.theyworkforyou.com to find out the address of your MP.
2. Send them a handwritten or printed letter together with a copy of the Babar Ahmad Fact Sheet (September 2010) asking them to write to the Home Secretary urging her to delay any decision on Babar's extradition pending the Government's review which is to report in Autumn 2011.
In addition, please request that your MP also writes to the Attorney General urging him to instruct the Crown Prosecution Service to bring proceedings against Babar in the UK, whereby he can more readily mount a fair defence. A sample letter is enclosed in this pack. Ask your MP to send you a copy of any letters they send and any response they get.
3. A week after you send your letter, phone your MP's office and ask for an update on your letter. Do this at weekly intervals until you receive a written response.
4. When you receive a copy of your MP's letter and the Government's response to them, post these to info@freebabarahmad.com.

Sample Letter-Not for Photocopying

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John Smith, MP
House of Commons
London SW1A 0AA

[Date] 2010

Dear Mr. Smith

Re: Babar Ahmad, the longest-serving UK prisoner detained without trial

As a member of your constituency, I am writing to ask you to urge the Home Secretary to stay any decision on the extradition of Babar Ahmad to the US until such time as the UK Government's review on our current extradition legislation reports to Parliament next Autumn. This can be the only fair way of dealing with this long-standing case. In addition, I would respectfully ask that you urge the Attorney General to stop Babar Ahmad's extradition to the US by instructing the CPS to investigate him and, if appropriate, bring proceedings in the UK so that he might face trial before a jury of his peers. It is only then that Babar can be assured of mounting a proper defence which is any British citizen's constitutional right.

Babar Ahmad is the longest detained-without-trial British citizen in the modern history of the UK, having been imprisoned since August 2004. I have attached a Fact Sheet about his case for you to read. His case is similar to that of the computer hacker Gary McKinnon.

As a British citizen who is alleged to have committed offences in the UK, why should he be extradited to stand trial in the US under controversial 'fast-track' extradition procedures, which are now themselves being put to the test? Is the British justice system no less able to deliver justice than the American justice system?

I am outraged at his ordeal which has now gone on for over six years. I ask you to lobby the Coalition Government on my behalf in the strongest possible terms to end this historic miscarriage of justice and to try Babar Ahmad in the UK instead of extraditing him to the US. This case should encourage our parliamentary representatives to persuade the Government to bring in the 'forum' amendments already included in our extradition legislation, but which require a vote of both houses to enact. It is quite clear, on the facts of his case, that any British court given the chance to consider forum, would reject Babar's extradition.

Please provide me with a copy of any letters you send and any responses you receive regarding this matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A Constituent

BABAR AHMAD

THE UK'S LONGEST-SERVING DETAINEE-WITHOUT-TRIAL

(6 YRS, 2 MONTHS AND COUNTING...)

As with many other extradition cases, Babar's case is not about innocence or guilt, it is about the appropriateness of extradition where the suspect, evidence and the alleged criminal conduct all reside in the UK.

Key Facts:

- Babar Ahmad is a British citizen, born in 1974, and brought up in Tooting, South West London. His parents migrated to Britain in the 1960s; his father worked as a civil servant in the Foreign Office for 40 years and his mother was a teacher. Babar graduated in London and was working as an I.T. Analyst in Imperial College London at the time of his arrest. Babar was popular in his local community and known as a devout Muslim holding mainstream views.
- Babar was arrested by the Metropolitan Police's Territorial Support Group in December 2003. Despite offering no resistance, he was severely assaulted during this arrest, sustaining 73 separate injuries. His home and other locations were raided and computers and other evidence seized.
- He was released without charge 5 days later.
- Shortly thereafter, Babar was arrested pursuant to an extradition warrant from the US. All of the materials (computer hard drives, records etc) cited by the US indictment, were originally taken from Babar by the Met in December 2003, on which the CPS found no basis to bring charges.
- The US has accused him of involvement with a series of websites that allegedly supported Chechen resistance fighters in the 1990s.
- The US claimed jurisdiction because it is alleged that one of the several dozen computer servers on which the websites were hosted, was located in Connecticut (US), for a period of about 18 months from early 2000.
- Babar was remanded in custody in August 2004 and has been in a series of Category A prisons across the UK ever since, pending resolution of his extradition case - **the equivalent of having served a 12 year sentence, without trial.**
- It is a matter of plain fact that the allegations contained in the US charges could easily be dealt with under UK terrorism laws if there were any basis to them.
- The first judge to examine the case against Babar (Senior District Judge Timothy Workman, who is the UK's most senior extradition judge) ruled on the 17th May 2005: ***"This is a difficult and troubling case. The defendant is a British citizen who is alleged to have committed offences which, if the evidence were available, could be prosecuted in this country."*** Judge Workman again raised these concerns about Babar Ahmad's case

whilst testifying before the Parliamentary Home Affairs Select Committee on 28th November 2005. What Judge Workman did not know then, but has since become apparent is that all the 'evidence' against Babar was actually seized in the UK and sent to the US, following a controversial raid for which four police officers are to be prosecuted.

- If extradited and found guilty, Ahmad faces a potential sentence of life without parole in solitary confinement in a super-max prison or, even worse, a further and indefinite number of years of incarceration without trial.

Some simple points of principle:

1. Do you believe it is fair for someone to be spending 6 years behind bars in Britain without trial?
2. Do you believe it is right to extradite a British citizen on allegations of criminal conduct which took place in Britain, where all the evidence can be found in Britain, rather than try him in Britain in front of a jury of his peers?
3. Do you believe the Government should continue to order the extradition of British citizens to the US whilst in the midst of a review of our extradition laws, which have been called into question by the very man who supported their implementation, the former Home Secretary Rt Hon David Blunkett MP?

If your response to these is 'NO', we urge you to make your views known to the Home Secretary who has the power to refuse or stay the US extradition request, and to the Attorney General, under whose guidance the CPS can both investigate and prosecute Babar Ahmad and put an end to his extradition ordeal.

We hope you agree that justice should be blind. It is too easy to see the words 'suspected Muslim terrorist' and suspend any impartiality. Whatever happened to the presumption of innocence until proven guilty? Babar maintains his innocence of any criminal activity, let alone of anything remotely akin to terrorism.

Further details can be found on Babar's family's campaign website www.freebabarahmad.com.